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Recognizing April 30, 2018, as “El Día de Los Niños–Celebrating Young Americans”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTRO of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing April 30, 2018, as “El Día de Los Niños–Celebrating Young Americans”.

Whereas each year in the United States, “El Día de Los Niños–Celebrating Young Americans” is recognized as a day to affirm and recognize the importance of young children in the United States;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States, and the wellbeing of children and adolescents is emphasized as a top priority in the United States;

Whereas children and adolescents should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity,

democracy, and the spirit of the United States through the free and open exchange of ideas;

Whereas according to data of the United States Census Bureau, Hispanics are the youngest major racial or ethnic group in the United States, as nearly $\frac{1}{3}$, or 17,900,000, of the Hispanic population of the United States is younger than 18 years old and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$, or 14,600,000, of the Hispanic population of the United States are millennials (18 to 33 years old in 2014);

Whereas the United States Hispanic population continues to grow, representing the youngest and largest ethnic minority group in the United States, and is a significant part of the workforce of the United States, comprising future consumers, taxpayers, and voters;

Whereas as the United States becomes more culturally and ethnically diverse, the people of the United States must strive to bring about cultural understanding and celebrate a tradition that honors all children on “El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans”, a day that acknowledges and shares traditions and customs with all people in the United States;

Whereas parents represent the center of teaching family values, morality, life preparation, health, survival, and culture;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor the children and adolescents in the United States will help affirm the significance of family, education, health, and community among the people of the United States;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition for the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to reflect on their futures, to articulate their aspi-

rations, to find comfort and security in the support of their family members, communities, and schools, and to grow to contribute to the United States;

Whereas the National Latino Children's Institute, which serves as an advocate and a voice for young Latino children, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2018, and has partnered with States and cities throughout the United States for the last 20 years, will declare April 30, 2018, as "El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans", a day to bring communities and Latinos together across the United States to celebrate and uplift children;

Whereas April 30 would be an appropriate day to establish as "El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans"; and

Whereas the people of the United States should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children and to help children take their rightful place in the future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes "El Día de Los Niños—Cele-
3 brating Young Americans"; and

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 join with children, families, communities, schools,
6 churches, cities, and States across the United States
7 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, in-
8 cluding activities that—

9 (A) center on children and are free or
10 minimal cost so as to facilitate full participation
11 of all people;

1 (B) uplift and help children positively envi-
2 sion a path to their futures by voicing their
3 hopes and dreams;

4 (C) offer opportunities for children of di-
5 verse backgrounds to learn about the cultures
6 of one another and to share ideas;

7 (D) include family members, especially ex-
8 tended and elderly family members, so as to
9 promote understanding and communication
10 among generations within families and to en-
11 able young people to respect and benefit from
12 the experiences of, and learn from, their family
13 elders;

14 (E) enable diverse communities to build re-
15 lationships of understanding; and

16 (F) provide children with an education and
17 safe environments to learn, live, and develop
18 with long-term support to become confident
19 young adults who are ready and eager to con-
20 tribute to the United States, a Nation that chil-
21 dren believe in.